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## ARIZONA'S NEW SECRETARY.

An interesting Career of a Busy Man.  
Closely Identified With Growth  
of Arizona.

The announcement was made on last week that Hon. W. F. Nichols, territorial auditor, had been appointed by the president, secretary of the territory of Arizona to succeed Isaac T. Stoddard.

The new secretary has had an interesting career, being closely connected with the development of the southeastern part of the territory. Judge Nichols was born in Massachusetts in 1852 and was early brought to Sacramento county, California, by his parents, who came to the coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Judge Nichols graduated at Oakland college in 1868 and in 1880 decided to cast his lot in Arizona, coming first to Tombstone. A year later he went to Willcox with the advent of the railroad there and since that time has been engaged in the lumber business at that place.

Judge Nichols has held many positions of public trust. He was justice of the peace at Willcox for over sixteen years. In 1885 he was a member of the legislature from Cochise county and was later a member of the Live Stock Sanitary Board. Judge Nichols is one of the most prominent Masons in Arizona, being a Past Grand Master. He is a charter member of the A. O. U. W. lodge at Willcox and for several years served as U. S. commissioner there. In the spring of 1902 Judge Nichols was appointed territorial auditor by Governor N. O. Murphy, which position he held under the succeeding administration and until his appointment as territorial secretary. He is chairman of the republican territorial committee and has been closely identified with the interests of the party since he first came to Arizona.

### Makes a Shorter Route.

News comes from the Black Canyon country that the Black Canyon hill is being worked, and as a result the road leading by the hill and on to Camp Verde and thence to Flagstaff will soon be put in a passable condition. Since work on the hill ceased two or three years ago the road has been in poor condition, and people who were traveling overland from this city to Camp Verde or Flagstaff have been compelled to go by way of Prescott. By means of the road past the hill the route is shortened seventy-five miles.—Republican.

### A Wonderful Cave Found.

The government last week entered suit here against M. J. Duffner, asking for a permanent injunction restraining him from entering into possession of a wonderful cave on the Chiricahua forest reserve. United States Attorney Nave, who filed the suit, also gave notice that he would in ten days apply for a temporary injunction.

The cave in question is said to rival the famous Mammoth cave in Kentucky. It was discovered some months ago, and Duffner located it as a mining claim, which location the government disputes as fraudulent. Duffner has taken \$3,000 worth of

specimens from the property. The beautiful crystals have been sold in all the large cities of the southwest. The government sent an inspector to the scene, and Duffner threatened to fence in the property.

Forest Supervisor Charles T. McGlone investigated the cave and found wonderful labyrinths, beautiful chambers, underground lakes, marvelous specimens and endless corridors. The cave has never been fully explored. It is located a mile north-east of the S. B. Reed ranch, on the Chiricahua forest reserve, in Cochise county.—Tombstone Prospector.

### INCORPORATION FEES.

Auditor Nichols' Report Shows Handsome  
Amount Turned Into Treasury.

As a result of the recommendations of Gov. Brodie, enacted into a law by the legislature, the territory of Arizona is \$29,842.70 richer today than it would have been but for the Cowan bill, which removed the incorporation fees from the office of the secretary to the auditor of the territory. That is the net profit to the territory as reported by the auditor to the governor on March 17, the first anniversary of the passage of the measure.

The report was filed by Auditor Nichols with Gov. Brodie Friday, and shows the gross receipts for incorporation fees for the twelve months ended March 17, as follows:

March, 1903, 14 days.....	\$1,023.90
April.....	3,326.00
May.....	2,822.60
June.....	3,002.30
July.....	2,634.15
August.....	2,349.40
September.....	2,517.70
October.....	2,330.70
November.....	2,555.05
December.....	2,142.90
January, 1904.....	2,170.15
February.....	3,006.60
March, 17 days.....	1,649.50
Total.....	\$31,626.95

The total expenditure for two extra clerks, etc., amounted to \$1,778.23, leaving a net profit to the territory of \$29,842.80.—Phoenix Gazette.

### Want Single Statehood.

That the newspapers of New Mexico have not expressed the sentiment of the people of that territory is evidenced by the action of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association at their recent meeting in Roswell, when the following resolutions were passed with a dissenting vote:

"We are unalterably opposed to the union of New Mexico with any other state or territory. That union with Arizona is neither desirable nor practical, and that we, the stock growers of New Mexico, representing a large portion of its taxable interests, stand for single statehood or none."

### Red Letter Day.

March 18th was red letter day with the Odd Fellows of Flagstaff. Grand Master Perry paid them an official visit when seven candidates were instructed in the second and third degrees, followed by a banquet and a general good time. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. F. M. Cummins was elected as a representative to the grand lodge, which meets in Tucson the third Monday in April.

## TALKS ABOUT SHEEP.

Dry Weather Has Caused Heavy Losses to  
Sheepmen. Loss Estimated at  
Half Million Dollars.

H. E. Campbell, the well known sheepman of Coconino county, who has been pasturing a large band of sheep in the Cordes section of this county the past winter, and who has just sold his entire clip of wool to Thos. Ross of Las Vegas, the sale being the largest wool transaction in Arizona this year, amounting to nearly twenty carloads, left this morning for his home in Coconino county. He was very much rejoiced over the snow storm of last night and expressed the earnest hope that the storm had extended all over the northern part of the territory.

In speaking of the condition of the sheep industry, he said that on account of the scarcity of rain and snow, this season would prove one of the most unprofitable to the men engaged in that industry of any year in the history of sheep raising in Arizona.

He said the men who had taken their sheep south this winter would lose very heavily, as they had been compelled in many cases to kill all the lambs in order to save the ewes, and even then many of them had died. Those in the north had been more fortunate and their losses would not be so great. He estimated that the losses to those in the southern part of the territory and those who had taken their sheep south for pasture would probably aggregate \$500,000.—Prescott Journal-Miner.

### New Onyx Find.

Pima county can claim another treasure resource in a large body of onyx and Egyptian alabaster of the finest quality. The discovery and locations were made by James Johnson, of Pima county, in the Santa Rita mountains. The Star says the find is immense deposits in lime about 3,000 feet long and 600 feet wide. The specimens brought in have been pronounced by experts superior to Mexican onyx, to which it has a close resemblance, taking a high polish.

Some of the specimens are variegated and opalescent in appearance and are pronounced a much finer quality than is the Big Bug onyx of Yavapai county and which is being marketed and used throughout the cities of the east.

It is understood that a quantity of the onyx from this new discovery will be brought to the marble works of this city for manufacture.

### Forest Supervisor Reinstated.

The Albuquerque Journal says I. B. Hanna, of Santa Fe, formerly superintendent of forest reserves in New Mexico, has received official notice from the general land office that that office had been abolished, but that he was reinstated as supervisor of the Pecos forest reserve with headquarters in Santa Fe from the date of his suspension October 1, 1903. This means that the charges made against Mr. Hanna have been fully investigated and found to be untrue. His reinstatement is a complete vindication from any and all charges made. Mr. Hanna has already resumed the duties of his position.

This news will be received with gratification by the people of the territory, especially by those of this section where Mr. Hanna is well known and where no stock whatsoever was taken in the charges made against him. He is an efficient and energetic public official and his reinstatement is proper and the right thing.

### GOOD SNOW STORM.

First Storm of the Year. San Francisco  
Peaks Covered With Snow.

The long drought was broken by a fall of rain and snow, which began Sunday morning. The storm covered nearly all portions of Arizona, the heaviest storm being in the mountains. The rainfall was enough to start grass in the warmer sections and gives great encouragement to stockmen and ranchers. Mr. Barwick, of the local weather bureau, makes the following report of the weather for the week:

The weather bureau report shows the highest and lowest temperatures during the past week to have been 58 on the 19th and zero on the 24th. The total amount of melted snow during the storm was .65 of an inch. There was between seven and eight inches of unmelted snow in the vicinity of the weather bureau office where the measurements were made. No doubt several feet has fallen in the more elevated regions of the San Francisco range of mountains. The total precipitation for this month to date has been .87 of an inch as follows: A trace on the 8th, .01 of an inch each on the 11th and 12th, .20 of an inch on the 20th and .65 of an inch on the 23d and 24th. The highest velocity of wind was 40 miles per hour from the southwest at 7:15 p. m. of the 23rd. Snow and colder is predicted for today, Saturday.

### People Who Get Mail.

Statistics show that Arizona citizens average twelve and one-half cents per month, or \$1.44 per annum for postage, and that the New Mexico citizens average less than \$1.00 each for that purpose. These figures would show some interesting facts concerning the population of Phoenix. The postoffice of this city has an income in excess of \$30,000 per annum, which would show an average population in Phoenix of 20,000. The income for the month of February was \$3,100. This would show a population of 24,800 people. January's income was \$3,600, which would give Phoenix a population of 28,000. On the other hand the minimum income for June is \$1,750, which gives the city at that season a population of only 14,000.—Enterprise.

### New Champion.

In the prize fight in San Francisco last night between Young Corbett and Jimmy Britt, the latter received the decision of the referee, and a new light weight champion has been made. The fight was an interesting one from start to finish and twenty rounds were fought.

### Statehood Bill.

Instead of the sub-committee making report to the full committee on Thursday, on request the democrats were given until next Wednesday to outline their course of action on the omnibus bill.